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In re Application of:

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and/or Reply in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 9, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection set forth therein as follows:

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2, 4-9, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Asai et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,012,222 (hereinafter "Asai"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a plurality of couplings configured for transmitting the rotary force of the rotation central axis to the ball spline unit and for transmitting a rotary